The Story of Pillani

(Continued from last week.) The next day they moved up the walked down the hill and was soon valley and found a place where it with her family there. was good to stay as there was plenty | She was, however, seared of being of water and lots of wild bananas. put in prison for assisting in Koo-On that day they heard for the first lau's doings, and after she had been time the cannon roar and they saw at Kekaha for quite a while, she shells strike their old hiding place. was one day visited by J. H. Coney, They found lots of shrimps and sheriff of Kauai, and E. Omsted, oopu in the river and also some deputy sheriff for Waimea district. wild taro. During all this time They came to her house with Kau-Pillani stood guard half of the time. meheiwa. She told them her story About a week later the shooting and answered truthfully all their stopped. They stayed in this place questions and they assured her that about one month and then moved there would be no prosecution, and further makai, where there was from that time she counted that her some kalo patches, lots of fruit and troubles were over. more fish and opae in the river and It has been said that Koolau's they stayed around there for nearly burial place was found and Koolau's two years and often saw their gun taken away but that is not true. friends, but their friends did not Piilani visited the place secretly

foraging in the night, nobody knew disturbed. what had become of them, some

a man coming. She crawled up on before.

A few days after Kinney's visit point. I have read it through Kelau and his wife brought some more clothes for them.

bringing them food.

complaining a great deal about in his outlaw life. pains in the stomach for quite a She may have been wrong in as-Piilani's arms. For a grave they of some people; she may have been side and in front of same was a that some legal lights put on the large lehua tree and a lot of ferns law, but, in two respects she can and wild ginger and they closed up stand as an example for any woman the opening with stones and dirt, in the world in her devotion to her

he was sinking steadily.

One day Koolau told his wife that when he died, which he said he expected to be very soon, that she should go back to her people and he also told her to bury him with his rifle. A couple of days after that Koolau began toget delirious. And a few days after that Koolau

to dig a grave for him, but she ments, is aiding the Delegate in his could not finish it in one day so efforts to secure the appointment of she went back and slept by her Ingram M. Stainback to succeed dead husband's side that night and all the following day she worked digging the grave and in the The appointment of Stainback is evening she considered the grave urged by practically the entire bar deep enough. She covered the grave of Honolulu, regardless of party afinside with fern leaves and put filiations. Koolau into it and laid his friend, the gun, on his chest, filled the grave half full with dirt and then a large flat stone and then filled the grave to the level of the ground.

near her people, but it took her a title of the "Trade Wind Lyrics." whole month before she could make the work-being done by the Hawariup her mind to carry out Koolau's an Gazette Company. advice about going back to her own people. One morning she started up the pali trail again over the Kilohana and came to Halemann, when dark- Martin-In Les Angeles, Californess set in. She kept on and in the nia, November 24, 1916. Mrs. T. early morning she saw again the O. Martin, formerly Miss Evangehouses at Kekaha, her childhood line Silva of Honolulu, a native of home and her happy home for years after marriage. She sat down and Honolulu, twenty-two years old; eried and was very dubious as to sister of Mrs. M. V. Fernandes of Fort and Merchant Sts. the wisdom of her going back. She Makawell, Kauni.

got up suddenly, however, and

many times and at no time did the Always hiding in daytime and graveshow any sign of having been

Piilani stayed with her people at thought they had been killed or Kekaha for a year or two, then she were dead from hunger, thirst and went back to Kalalau and lived there a few years, but later she One day as Piilani was pulling some moved back to her father's house at taro she heard some noise as from Waimea, where she died as stated

a high place and saw Willie Kinney I was well acquainted with her coming together with Kelau and and wanted to get from her the Geo. Titcomb. She ran back to story of Koolau and his doings and where Koolau was hidden and told scribbled down items as early as him. Koolau and family went into 1901 and 1902. In 1905 or 1906, hiding further back in the valley, came to Waimea John K. Sheldon, but when they saw who it was they a well-known Hawaiian newspaper came out and shook hands with man, and he wrote a book of ninety them and had a long talk with pages about Koolau and Piilaui. them, and when they left Kinney The book is written in flowing Hatold Koolau that he might shoot waiian and difficult to read and any bipi that he needed, however, translate, as he uses the greatest Koolan never killed any of Kinney's possible amount of crooked words to record the simplest historical

Piilani was of a very quiet and reticent nature and to get her to They lived in the woods for three talk about her husband, his doings years and five months and moved and their wanderings in the wilds every three-four days, and that is of Kalalau was often difficult. She the reason for their not being found never spoke of Koolau in an exultby the people looking for them and ing manner but acted always as if she had a secret fear of being called Their child began to show bad to answer for her actions in staying signs of the dreaded disease and was by her husband and assisting him

while before he died. He died in sisting him according to the ethics cleared out a cave in the mountain guilty according to the construction evidently in the usual Hawaiian husband through all his troubles, and she deserves unlimited praise For more than a year after that for her courage in standing guard they kept travelling, and then Koo- at day or night and for travelling lau began to show stronger signs of up and down the old Kalalau trail leprosy and was getting weaker and from Waimea, which I consider a for the last seven months of his life severe test for the stoutest heart She did it twice and once all alone

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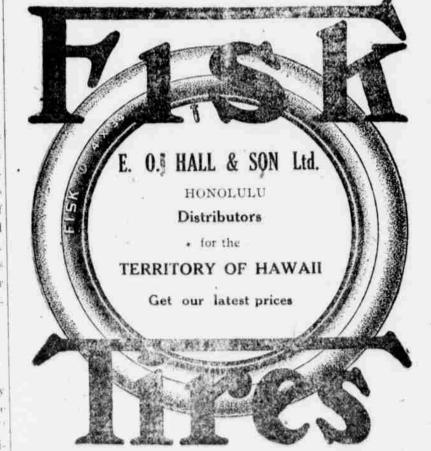
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